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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an Office Action dated July 6, 2010 from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Office Action indicating the degree of relevance found by the Japanese Patent Office. Additionally, Applicant submits an English-language abstract for JP 60127453 and JP 2000088808. Applicant notes that WO 00/15321 corresponds to US 2002/0158027 A1, US 2002/0123153 A1, US 6,579,452 B1, US 6,563,111 B1 and US 6,569,324 B1.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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